

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

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Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 11-20 remain in this application. Claims 21-24 are new. Claim 21 is taken from subject matter deleted from claim 13. Claim 23 is based on claim 11. Claims 22 and 24 additionally recite the invention as illustrated in Figure 3. No new matter is entered.

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The specification has been amended to address the noted formalities.

The claims have been amended to remedy the stated bases of rejection under section 112, second paragraph.

Withdrawal of the objections and section 112 rejection is solicited.

Claims 11, 13, and 15 stand rejected as anticipated by STOL ... (DE29501720).

Claim 12 is rejected as obvious over STOL and O'CONNOR 5,655,459.

Claim 14 is rejected as obvious over STOL and EHRENREICH 2003/0121123.

Claims 16, 17, and 18 were rejected as obvious over STOL and ADAMS 1,162,540.

Claims 19 and 20 were rejected as obvious over STOL and GERSCHWNER 4,208,070.

STOL does not anticipate either claim 11 or claim 23.

STOL does not disclose, as per claim 11, the frame (2) being adapted to allow the vertical structure (1) to act

i) as a seat with the rods (2b) of the frame (2) oriented perpendicular to the upright supports (1) and

ii) as a partition screen with the rods (2b) and the upright supports coinciding and the upper panel (3) and the lower panel being coplanar.

More particularly, STOL does not disclose "ii) as a partition screen with the rods (2b) and the upright supports coinciding and the upper panel (3) and the lower panel being coplanar". See Figure 3 of STOL wherein as a screen the upper and lower panels are not coplanar and rather overlap each other.

As per claim 23, STOL does not disclose "ii) a second position, with the upper panel and the lower panel providing a partition screen, with a) the rods (2b) and the upright supports (1) coinciding, and b) the upper panel (3) and lower panel being coplanar". More particularly, STOL does not disclose "b) the upper panel (3) and lower panel being coplanar" when in the screen position. See again Figure 3 of STOL.

Further, STOL does not disclose the features of new claims 22 and 24.

STOL does not disclose, as per claim 22, with the vertical structure configured as a seat, i) the upper panel is vertical to the lower panel and ii) the upper panel is facing and completely spaced apart from the upright supports.

In STOL Figure 1 it is shown that the upper panel is not facing and completely spaced apart from the upright supports by an upper two of the rods extending away from the upright supports and a lower two of the rods extending away from the uprights supports. See that the upper panel is located at least partial between the upright supports. Further, the upper panel is not facing and completely spaced apart from the upright supports by an upper two of the rods extending away from the upright supports and a lower two of the rods extending away from the uprights supports.

STOL does not disclose, as per claim 24, "in the first position, i) the upper panel is vertical to the lower panel, and ii) the upper panel is facing and completely spaced apart from the upright supports by an upper two of the rods extending away from the upright supports and a lower two of the rods extending away from the uprights supports".

Again, see Figure 1. In STOL Figure 1 it is shown that the upper panel is not facing and completely spaced apart from the upright supports by an upper two of the rods extending away

from the upright supports and a lower two of the rods extending away from the uprights supports. See that the upper panel is located at least partial between the upright supports. Further, the upper panel is not facing and completely spaced apart from the upright supports by an upper two of the rods extending away from the upright supports and a lower two of the rods extending away from the uprights supports.

Thus, these claims are also believed patentable.

Allowance of the independent claims is solicited, together with the dependent claims.

Without prejudice, there is no need to address the remaining rejections as the dependent claims are allowable at least for depending from an allowable claim.

Allowance of the case is solicited.

In view of the above, the amendment is believed to be fully responsive.

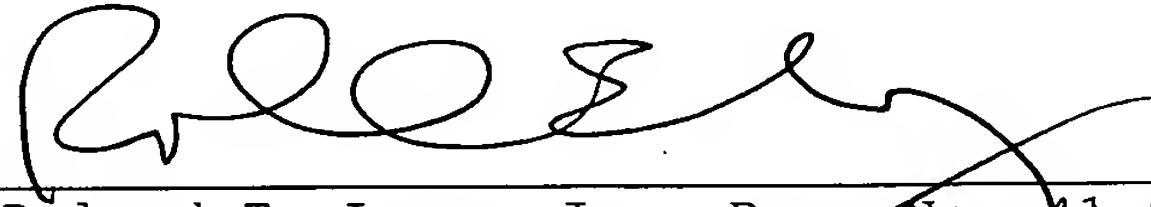
Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☐ - a terminal disclaimer
- ☐ - a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- ☐ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ - a Replacement Sheet for Figures 1-3 of the drawings
- ☐ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- ☐ - a verified English translation of foreign priority document